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6 March 2020

## PBEL

### Playground



Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing

PBEL and our fortnightly focuses.

## Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Meet the Teacher Evening

Thank you to the many parents and carers that came along two weeks ago to the Meet the Teacher Evening. The teachers were delighted to meet you all and to have the opportunity to talk about the programs they have planned for this year. I hope that you all found the evening beneficial. Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to take on the role of P&C class parent this year. You will be an important liaison person for parents and the class teacher.

### Stage Based Education

I was disappointed to receive some rather negative comments about recent information sent to parents regarding the Meet the Teacher Evening, relating to Stages of Education.

Pre-empting further negative comment, can I say we do not have a "Comms team". That is corporate speak. We are a school, educators, teachers and office staff working in schools for the benefit of the education of your children, we do not work in the corporate world. It is our responsibility to provide the best educational outcomes for your child. It is your responsibility to read all information disseminated to you to fully understand what that means.

All schools have differences, but Stage based education is standard across all schools in NSW, in Department of Education (DoE) schools, Independent schools and Catholic education. Most of the staff here at WPPS are parents, we do walk in parents' shoes every day but we make it our business to find out all we can about our children's education through information provided to us by the school before we approach our children's schools with valid questions.

Yes, I understand that many of you are working parents but so are we, though surely your child's education as part of your parenting responsibilities, should be your first priority.

NESA, the NSW Education Standards Authority, mandates the education standards for all students in NSW - DoE, Independent and Catholic sectors. NESA mandates and organises all curriculum for all sectors and the curriculum is organised in Stages from Early Stage 1 through to Stage 6, covering all years Kindergarten to Year 12.

This information was provided to all parents in your Kindergarten Welcome package, in the NESA document "Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses" on page 2 and then pages 4-12 and in the "WPPS School Handbook" on page 5. You can always Google it or have a look at the comprehensive syllabus documents for each subject area either on line from NESA, or borrow a hard copy from our Library, or even better still, ask your teacher. Unauthorised parent social

platforms are not the way to gather accurate information and do in fact spread much misinformation and negativity.

Teaching in Stages is how we teach. It is not jargon. The following link shows how all the Stages link together. This table is from the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus. All syllabus documents are arranged in the same manner.

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[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1109/parents\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_nsw\\_primary\\_syllabuses.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1109/parents_guide_to_the_nsw_primary_syllabuses.pdf)

For more information, please refer to the publications listed above.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are being planned for Week 9 this term. An online booking schedule will be available to you soon to assist with this process. Further information will follow shortly.

## Grants

Towards the end of last year, WPPS applied for various grants. I'm delighted to let you know that a number of applications have been successful. The school has received \$10,000 towards the development of the next phase of the Creative Outdoor Learning Space. This grant was through Mr Paul Fletcher's office. Thanks to the P&C for submitting this application. We have also just been advised through Mr Alistair Hensken's office, that our application for the NSW Government's Sustainable Schools Grant has also been successful and we now have an additional \$9,490 to go towards our Stage 1 Garden Project in the form of irrigation systems and water tanks. Thank you so much to Miss Feltscheer and Miss Weston for their hard work on this one. In addition to this, we have also been successful in our application to become a "Solar My School" participant, one of only three schools in the Ku-Ring-Gai area. Thanks Miss Feltscheer and parent Mr Glen Leo. Grant applications from the DoE are to follow.

If you have any concerns about the school or your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Ms Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

D (50m Freestyle), Siena F (50m Freestyle), Oscar G (50m Freestyle), Holly M (50m Butterfly), Jodie M (50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke & Butterfly), Daniel M (50m Freestyle, Breaststroke & Backstroke) and Ryan W (50m Freestyle).

We would like to congratulate Siena F, who will be representing Ku-ring-gai at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival on Friday 27 March.

Well done to our Zone representatives!

Miss Erin Hall

## Tell Them From Me student feedback Survey (Term 1, 2020)

This term, our school, like all other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 8 May. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 6 March 2020. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Kind regards

Annerie Feldman

## Language Learning Website

Dear Parents,  
West Pymble Public School subscribes to a wonderful language learning website called Languagenut. This is the second year of our subscription and it has proven to be a very useful and engaging tool for language learning. Kindergarten to Year 4 can consolidate their learning of French, while Years 5 and 6 can practise their Mandarin skills. We will be using this resource in the classroom, however, families may also wish to download the Languagenut app at home. Each student has their own individual log in and password which allows them to play games on many different topics, extending their reading, writing,

## Schools News

### Zone Swimming

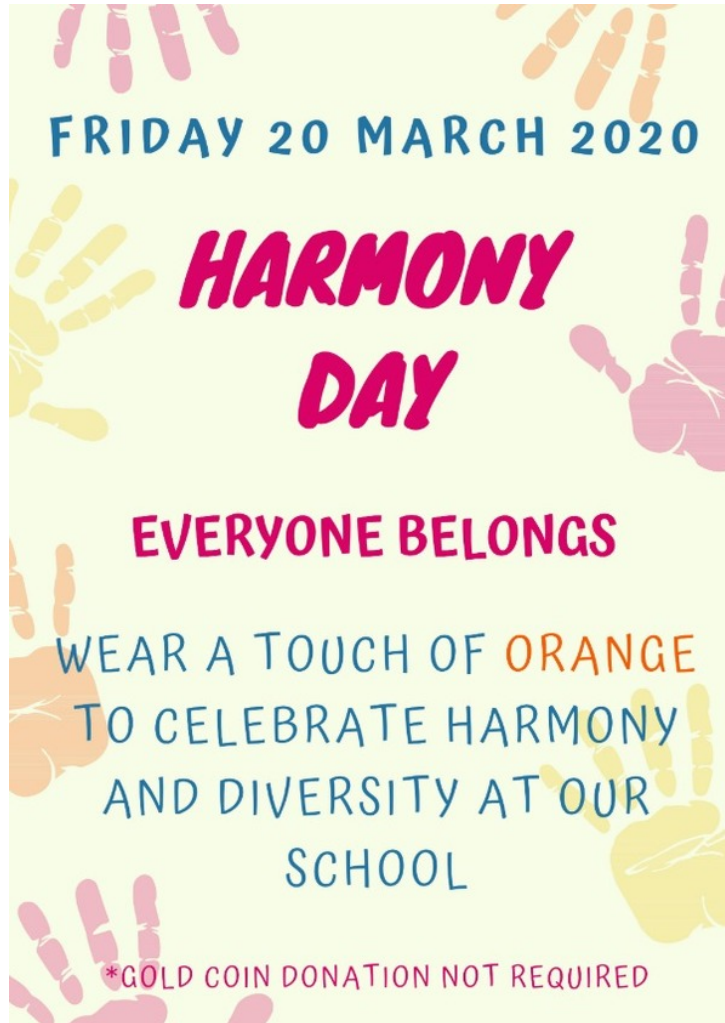
Last Friday, Miss Yee and I had the pleasure of taking 33 students to the Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre. All students represented West Pymble with pride and swam their best.

Many students placed in their heats and broke their PBs. We also had seven students qualify for the finals including Benji

listening and speaking capabilities. Students receive points for activities they complete, which then go towards a class total, as well as a school total. Certificates of achievement will be handed out throughout the year to those who win medals. Downloading the app is completely optional and at the discretion of parents. We understand that families are busy and also wish to reduce screen time, however, if you believe this tool can inspire your children to enjoy learning languages then I hope it may be useful in your household. Merci!

Madame Leddet

### Harmony Day



### GrandFriends' Day



### West Pymble Merit List

6 March 2020

Term 1, Week 6

K1/E	Oscar L	Chloe H	
1K	Charles M	David D	Anika L
1/2F	Jackson W	Heidi H	Harvey A
1/2W	Maddison E	Marcus L	Emma M
2B	Yerin N	Isabelle T	Rory R
3/4B	Olivia C	Hamish D	Annabelle S
3/4F	Ryan W	Isra H	William W
3/4N	Charlotte N	Hannah L	Heston B
3/4OH	Indiana I	Kosta B	Ayhan T
5/6H	Lola B	Aidan E	Jazim S
5/6SL	Madelyn G	Maxine M	Rylie W
5/6Y	Edward W	Yunho N	George C

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: BANGAL

MERIT AWARD: David D 1K, Mia P 1/2F, Isra H 3/4F, Isabelle T 2B

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Henry B 3/4N, Oscar G 3/4B, Lachlan V 3/4F, Phoebe B 2B

Specialist Teacher Awards

Oscar G 3/4B	Miss Cooling
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## Green Team



On Wednesday we collected 336 recyclables bringing our Grand Total to 16213 !!!

Our next drop off date will be Wednesday April 1.

A big thank you to all those who donated, volunteered and who help make this project turn recyclables into funds for WPPS.

THANKS again!

The Green Team

## Waste Free Wednesdays

Starting in Week 7, every Wednesday will be a waste free day. Our waste free lunch program educates students about where our waste ends up and how we as individuals, can reduce the amount of waste we generate and send to landfill. Waste free lunches encourage the first step in the waste hierarchy - AVOIDING waste. Choosing products that have less packaging results in less waste that you have to dispose of. Each class will be measuring the landfill, recycling and soft plastics brought in the students' lunch boxes, challenging themselves to become the best they can be for our planet.

Below are a list of suggestions of how you can be waste free:

Beeswax wraps, plastic containers, bento box lunch boxes, whole pieces of fruit, buying a larger packet of something and placing it into a reusable container etc.

Thanks, Maria Greenwood

## From the Office

Opening hours for the office are 8:30am to 3:30pm.

## Library

Library News

## Premier's Reading Challenge Update

The Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 has started. Some very enthusiastic readers have been keeping lists of books already read this year and have added them to their Student Reading Records ... and we have two students finished! Congratulations to our first finisher, William W from 3/4F, closely followed by Yushaa K from 3/4B.

Remember, students log in to their reading record with the user name and password they use to log in at school. While we have many reading challenge books in the library, books read from other libraries, home or friends and family may count as well. For further information about the Reading Challenge, including rules and important dates, please visit the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website. This year, there is a 'how to' video with some new features for students and parents to explore. There are so many books to choose from, we expect all students to finish this year.

Happy reading.

Jane Matkovich

Maria Greenwood

## Scholastic Book Clubs

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

GET IT ON  
Google play

Download on the  
App Store

**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

**SCHOLASTIC**

Dear Parents/Carers,

West Pymble Public School participates with Scholastic Book Club.

Each term your child will come home with a club catalogue with a selection of books offered.

*(Term 1 x1, Term 2 x 2, Term 3 x3 and Term 4 x 1 issue)*

All orders submitted give your child's school points with which to purchase resources for the classroom and the library.

Ordering is via LOOP – (NO cash or orders taken at school)

See information towards the back of Bookclub order form

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

The books will arrive around two weeks AFTER the closing date.

*The closing date for Issue 2 is Tuesday 19th March.*

Thank you and happy reading!

Helene Annabel  
*Library Assistant*

## Canteen

Hello everyone,

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL PARENTS

## PSSA

We need your help in getting you your lunch at the right temperature!

If you are participating in PSSA on a Friday please click on 'PSSA' in the 'early meal process' tick box section below your order when you checkout.

This way we will keep your lunch warm (or cold) and your drink cold until you are back from PSSA.

**END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 3 APRIL - CUT OFF FOR ORDERING IS WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL**

We will be holding our End of Term Sausage Sizzle on Friday 3 April.

The usual Summer Lunch Menu will not be available but the Canteen will be open as per usual for breakfast and over the counter snacks and ice blocks at lunchtime and afternoon tea.

NB: Once logged in, please click on Events to order your Sausage Sizzle instead of putting in the date of order. Please order your Sausage Sizzle BEFORE Wednesday 1 April.

## BYO CUTLERY

The Canteen wants to minimise all rubbish and create a green and rubbish free environment.

We therefore ask you to bring your own spoon and/or fork from now on.

In Term 2 we will be charging 10 cents for a spoon and/or fork but if you return it you will get your 10 cents back.

Please help us towards a rubbish free Canteen!

Many thanks,  
Wendela, Nada & Paula

## P&C

Important Dates:

P&C General Meeting - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Bottle Drop off – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.30am

End of term sausage sizzle – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**\*\* P&C General Meeting \*\***

The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the library. Entry through Tristania Place. Everyone is welcome.

**\*\*Welcome Night \*\***

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Welcome Night a few weeks ago. For many of you it was a chance to get to find out a bit more about the P&C and the events we hold and also a great way to meet new people and get to know our lovely staff. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a successful night.

**\*\* Want to help or have a suggestion? Please contact a member of the P&C:**

President: Vanessa Thompson [president@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:president@wppspnc.com.au)

Vice President: Natasha H [vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au)

Vice President: Lisa Corrigan [fundraising@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:fundraising@wppspnc.com.au)

Secretary: Tamara Leo [secretary@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:secretary@wppspnc.com.au)

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Communications officer: Anjali

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## Community News

### Ethics classes at West Pymble Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you passionate about teaching? Are you looking for something meaningful to do next year?

Could you be an ethics teacher 2020 for WPPS?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two days workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and would need to be available on Wednesday each week during the term time.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Liliam Sheridan, [ethics.wpps@gmail.com](mailto:ethics.wpps@gmail.com) ph.0420204466

Liliam Sheridan

## Out of School Hours News

**The New Child Care Package**  
Starts 1 July 2019

**What you need to do**

- Sign into your Centrelink online account through myGov
- Select **Complete your Child Care Subsidy** assessment task.
- Work through the steps to **provide new information and confirm** your current details.

Get ready for the new Child Care Subsidy. Get online now.

From 2 July 2019, the child care fee assistance your family receives will change.

Your information **does not automatically rollover** to the new system and you may not receive any subsidy if your assessment is not completed.

**Login now** to complete your online form now through [myGov](http://myGov)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO**  
[www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families](http://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families)

## Uniform Shop Open Hours

Normal opening hours - Tuesday 2:00pm – 3:30pm and Thursday 8:30am – 10:00am.

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Dr Shoe will be visiting our school on Friday 13 March 8:30am to 9:30am in the school hall.

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### Healthy Lunch Box

Check out the NEW Healthy Lunch Box website from the Cancer Council

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1093/the\\_simplest\\_way\\_to\\_pack\\_a\\_healthy\\_lunch\\_box\\_06\\_03.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1093/the_simplest_way_to_pack_a_healthy_lunch_box_06_03.pdf)

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

### Entertainment Book

NEW PROMOTION this month. When you buy an Entertainment Membership before 31 March you will receive a \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Card.

[Enter the Promo Code: GIFTME at the checkout.](#)

*JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards will be sent by email within 30 days of purchase. \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards issued when promo code GIFTME is applied at checkout. Limit one per*

*order. Offer valid for Entertainment Digital Memberships purchased online between 12:00am Sunday 1st March and 11:59pm Tuesday 31st March 2020 AEST using promo code GIFTME. Offer excluded Entertainment Waitstaff and Corporate Partner offers. JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards do not expire. \*JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards Terms of Use. Lost or stolen cards cannot be replaced.*

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

[Click here to purchase your Digital Entertainment Membership NOW!](#)

[Click here to order your Entertainment Book](#)

### The School App

[Installing\\_SZAPP.pdf](#)

## After School Activities At West Pymble Public School

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids and Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The Sports voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The Creative voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. Apply online through [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au).

### Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1099/chess.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1099/chess.pdf)

### Tae Kwon Do

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### Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

<https://enrol.cameronstennis.com.au/wpps-tennis>

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### Drama

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Art

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Community Activities

St Matthews

**SMASH**

**SMASH is on Friday Afternoons**  
**After School until 5pm**  
 During term times  
**At St Matt's West Pymble**  
 \$7/week OR \$50/term

It's an **action-packed** program for kids in years 3-5. We have **stacks of fun**, and **learn about Jesus!**

We supervise kids on a Walking Bus from Gordon West and West Pymble Public Schools.

Permission notes and more info are on our website: [www.stmattswp.org/kids](http://www.stmattswp.org/kids)

**\$1,000 to WPPS on every sale.**

Rob Szosta and Stone Real Estate Turramurra will donate \$1,000 to WPPS to anybody who mentions this E-newsletter when they list and sell with Rob.

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**STONE**

Bush School Learn to swim

Contact Gai Aylward (9498 0000)

**BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM CLUB**

A voluntary community organisation much cheaper than other swim clubs

Kids Aged 4-12  
 Saturdays  
 November to March  
 Qualified Instructors  
 Active Kids Voucher  
 Family Discount  
 Season Prices from \$135

[www.bushschoolts.org](http://www.bushschoolts.org)  
 Wahroonga Public School, 73 Burrell Rd, Wahroonga NSW 2078

Spanish

**LEARN SPANISH**

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN SPANISH?**

We are assessing the possibility of offering Spanish lessons after school starting Term 1 2020. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the link below and submit your expression of interest.

[www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest](http://www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest)

We are a Creative Kids Registered Provider

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